The vain wish to penetrate into the secrets of futurity, and to discover the good and ill that is likely to be blended with their lot, in every uninstructed mind, is a natural and predominant feeling: and according to the ignorance that prevails in any particular localities, so is the importance attached to charms and superstitions. In some of the remote parts of England and in Scotland, the burning of nuts on All Hallow's Eve is a very favorite charm, and according to the manner in which they burn, the happiness or misery of an affianced pair is foretold. When the nuts burn quietly side by side with a steady flame the persons whom they represent are to be faithful to each other, and lead a happy life, but if the nut cracks or starts from the fire, the youth or damsel whose mark it bears is to prove untrue, or the marriage to be unfortunate. Graydon has illustrated this old custom thus:

"These glowing nuts are emblems true
Of what in human life we view;
The ill-match'd couple fret and fume,
And thus in strife themselves consume;
Or, from each other wildly start
And with a noise for ever part.
But see the happy, happy pair,
Of genuine love and truth sincere;
With mutual fondness while they burn,
Still to each other kindly turn;
And as the vital sparks decay,
Together gently sink away,
Till life's fierce ordeal being past,
Their mingled ashes rest at last."

Flowers blooming this month:

Dwarf branching Centaury, (*Erythræa pulchella*;) sandy sea shores; Marsh Gentian, (*Gentiana Pneumonanthe*;) moist heathy places, parts of England; Small Alpine Gentian, (*Gentiana nivalis*;) very rare, mountains of Scotland; Greater Dodder, (*Cuscuta Europæa*;) parasitical on thistles and nettles; Lesser Dodder, (*Cuscuta Epithimum*;) parasitical on Thyme and Furze, frequent; Mint, (*Mentha*;) thirteen different species; Lesser Water Plantain, (*Alisma ranunculoides*;) ditches and turfy bogs; Common Arrowhead, (*Sagittaria sagittifolia*;) ditches, and margins of rivers; Common horned Pondweed, (*Zannichellia palustris*;) ditches and stagnant water.

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